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I'm writing to say that I think that the proposed settlement of the antitrust suit against Microsoft is weak and ineffective. While it addresses part of Microsoft's past behaviour, it does not address their past conduct with regard to squashing innovation in the computer industry. Where the settlement is appropriate, as in the disclosure of protocols, it appears to have been carefully crafted to avoid requiring disclosure to free software programmers, although free software such as Samba is the most common case requiring protocol information, and is the most significant competitor to Microsoft today.

Please reconsider the proposed settlement, and search for a settlement which will properly address the profoundly negative impact Microsoft has had on the U.S. computer industry.

Respectfully,
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